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Jammin'

Jubilee Jam will be Sept. 28

By Amy P. Oswalt

The big event is almost here. Shelton State will kick off its 50th anniversary celebration with the Jubilee Jam on Sept. 28. With music being the center of events, the Jam promises to be a fun-filled evening for the entire family.

The feature performer of the evening, Blake Shelton, carries a very fitting name for the gig. The country music singer



Fuzzy Navel



Blake Shelton

and songwriter will take the stage at 9 p.m. His recent releases, "Ole Red" and "Austin" have climbed to the top of the country charts.

The evening will be jump-started by Fuzzy Navel at 4:30 p.m. This band rocks with former Shelton State students Jason Hubbard and Jason Irvin as members. The Connection will follow playing hits as diverse as "Soul Man," "Purple Rain," and "Sorry Miss Jackson."

A last minute cancellation was made by Sunpie and the

Louisiana Sunspots. Bruce "Sunpie" Barnes, the lead singer, is a member of the National Guard and his unit was activated. It is not known at this time where his unit will be stationed.

Replacing the group will be Tony Delafosse and Friends, a Zydeco band from Louisiana. Tony Delafosse is a versatile performer, who not only sings, but also plays bass, rubboard, and drums. Tony Delafosse and Friends will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

In between these acts,

Shelton State's own talented students will perform on the Courier Stage.

With all original music, Hard Rain will be the first to appear. Jennifer Huggins, who has performed in both Shelton Singers and Bach to Rock, will follow them.

Next in line is band 11:59, made up of Zach Hill, Micah Hill, and Scott Topaz.

Finishing the musical of-

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Jennifer Huggins

Election time: Do you know who's running?

By Jonathan King

Within the next four years, many Shelton students will have graduated college, gotten jobs, gotten married and possibly started a family. Given the seriousness of these huge steps into adulthood, it is alarming to see how uninformed students are of something that will effect all these areas of their future: the election of our next governor.

In a poll recently taken by the Courier staff, 56 random Shelton State students were

asked these three questions:

- Who is the current governor of Alabama?
- Who are the two leading candidates in the upcoming election for governor?
- Do you plan to vote?

Even though 56 students only represent a small percentage of the entire student body, the results were quite surprising.

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Democrat Don Siegelman



Republican Bob Riley

Gouge O'Life

By Ben Herdman

LOS ANGELES — These were the things of which dreams were made, the means for my rock band to get into the American spotlight. We flew out to the West Coast to compose the demo CD that would get us signed to a major record label.

Day 1: My eyes dilated to see the wonderfully dirty city we would be working in. It was immaculate, the skyscrapers, the mountains, the homeless folks, the hookers, truly a melting pot of every culture and creed.

To celebrate our arrival we took a taxi to the famous Sunset Strip for a drink or two. I settled on a barstool and lit a cigarette. The bartender looked at me like I had three heads. "What," I asked, wondering if anything was coming out of my nose. "Can't you read," she asked as she pointed to a sign. "There's no smoking in here." Absolutely ridiculous. Everyone knows that drinks and smokes go hand in hand. I was appalled.

Day 2: We awoke bright and early to meet our new producer. The man was like a drill sergeant, not what I expected

at all. He rewrote every song we had, no negotiations. His name should have been on the copyright, not ours. We were just tools, simple puppets. We came into the studio with a unique sound, something we could call our own. We left feeling like the Backstreet Boys.

Day 4: It had been another tough day in the

studio. We all wanted to go out for a spot of relief, but we were nearly out of money. We couldn't afford much of anything. The five of us would get up early enough to catch the continental breakfast, and to get ourselves through the day we had to stuff our pockets with as many chocolate muffins and other pastries as possible. By the end of the day we were gambling for the last muffin.

Day 7: We were beginning to get at each other's throats, and I had to get out of that place for a while. I slipped out the door as the others slept and walked to a nearby VFW. It was the only place in which I could smoke. I spent the last five bucks I had on a drink and listened to some pretty good

Comrades acting like mothers



Illustration by Abbot

Vietnam stories. Now those poor guys had it bad. Compared to them I was on top of the world. I left the bar feeling a bit better about my situation.

When I returned the rest of the guys were awake and waiting for me, and they didn't look too pleased. I got four mouths full of guff. "Where were you," "We were worried sick about you," "Do you know what would happen to us if you didn't come back," "Let us know when you're leaving and make sure one of us comes with you."

I looked at my comrades and no longer saw the dudes I used to know, but instead, four mother figures.

And just when I thought it couldn't possibly get worse...

Off the Shelf . . .

By Glen Johnson

New works available in the Brooks-Cork Library

On the Best-Seller Shelf...

In his latest book *Firehouse*, David Halberstam, one of the nation's foremost reporters and historians, gives readers a close-up look at a day in the life of Manhattan Fire Company Engine 40, Ladder 35. The day in question just happens to be Sept. 11, 2001. Of the 13 men who leave on their two vehicles, only one will return. Halberstam examines what makes men choose this profession and often repeat that choice over several generations.

In Janet Evanovich's *Hard Eight*, another unhappy divorce and another kidnapped child puts Fugitive Apprehension Agent (read "bounty hunter") Stephanie Plum on the trail. But not only is 7-year-old Annie missing, but so is her mom. Not only that, but during the divorce proceedings, the mortgage on grandma's house was used to secure a custody bond and now the es-

tranged husband and his bail bond company want the house to get the money to find Annie. And that's just the start. You'll keep turning the pages.

It was bound to happen eventually. In Clive Cussler's *Fire Ice*, deep in the heart of Russia, a millionaire mining magnate has used his specious claim of descent from the Romanovs to declare himself czar of all Russia.

And he's using his millions in an attempt to have his claims recognized and, incidentally, have the shaky Russian government overthrown. And to keep those meddling Americans from interfering, he's threatening to unleash huge amounts of methane hydrate (that famously unstable compound sometimes called "fire ice") upon those decadent American cities.

Only one man stands in the way of this would-be czar: Kurt Austin, leader of NUMA's special assignments team.

"Keep Looking Up!"

By Dr. Lee Albritton



Rock two from the Sun, Venus, is slowly but surely moving closer and closer to the sun from our view on Earth. Our goddess of love and beauty we have admired throughout the summer is now setting earlier each night. We are losing her to the sun!

Venus of course "the second planet from the sun" will always be viewed in the direction of the sun from the Earth. At the end of August, Venus was at its maxi-

mum angle east of the sun from our view — greatest eastern elongation.

We often refer to Venus as the "evening star" or "morning star." Venus is a planet and does not twinkle as a star does, but as we have noted Venus is always in the direction of the Sun and will be in the evening or morning sky. We will have Venus with us as the "evening star" for another month, for on Halloween night — Oct. 31 — Venus will be exactly lined up with the

Bye, Bye Lovely Goddess

Sun. This means that Venus and the Sun will set at the exactly the same time — the inferior conjunction.

At the end of October then must we tell the lovely goddess goodbye forever and ever? No, she will now be on the other side of the Sun and appear in the morning sky. The only problem is if one wants to commune with Venus after Halloween, one must get up early in the morning before sunrise.

Keep looking up, get out and enjoy our cool fall evenings, and watch Venus during October slowly fade into the sunset.

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"The college seeks to provide an atmosphere conducive to open and honest intellectual inquiry in any college forum which is appropriate for dialogue and student participation. The students should feel free to exercise the right to dissent within limits of decorum and good taste."

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ferings for the *Courier* Stage will be Allison Wilkes, a multi-talented performer who has experience in both music and theatre.

"We, at the *Courier*, are very excited. The *Courier* Stage is the first real publicity move for our paper, Dr. Jim Kenny, publisher of the *Shelton State Courier*, said. "The Jubilee Jam will be a unique opportunity for all of us to do something different and exciting."

In addition to the musical entertainment, there will be food, drinks, and children's activities. So bring your lawn chairs, blankets, and the rest of your family to the Jubilee Jam which will be held, rain or shine, on the soccer field of the Martin Campus. Tickets are \$5 for adults. Admission is free for children 12 and under.

Election con'd from pg. 1

Of the 56 students polled:

- 20 percent did not know who the current governor of Alabama is.

- 46 percent did not know who the two leading candidates in the upcoming election are; of those 46 percent, a little under half, said they did plan to vote.

Overall, just below 40 percent did not plan to vote at all.

When asked whom he would vote for, Eric Prewitt said, "I'll vote for Siegelman because he is for education, and the lottery will probably give our state opportunity for growth."

When asked if it was important to know the issues of candidate before you vote for him, Ryan Stinnett said: "Yes, I want to know what they plan to do while in office. I want to know how they plan to improve our state, especially in the fields of education, as well as bringing new jobs to Alabama." He also commented on the effect he thought the next governor elected would have on the next four years of his life by saying, "I believe it will have a great impact. A governor is chosen to lead a state. If we do not have a good leader, the state and its people will be the ones to suffer."

Because many Shelton State students are uninformed about the candidates in the upcoming governor's election and the issues they support, the Courier's Assistant Editor and Chief Writer, Jonathan King, begins a three part series devoted to informing the student voter. The series will deal with the governor's race, each candidate's upside and downside and will attempt to remain as objective as possible. Our concern is that those who do plan to vote will be confident they know what the issues are.

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Television reporter Brenda Ladun gives professional advice

By April L Harris

Brenda Ladun, of Birmingham's 33/40, held a book signing session Sept. 20 at Tuscaloosa's Gospel Supply House. The book, *Getting Better, Not Bitter*, describes, in detail, her fight with breast cancer. Ladun is a local television reporter and hosts ABC 33/40 news at 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. daily.

Since being diagnosed with breast cancer, over a year ago, she has made it her mission in life to educate others on the dangers breast cancer. "You want to go through life and take care of everyone else, but breast cancer has made me realize that I need to take care of my own body too," she said. Ladun has become an avid runner. She has participated in several marathons during and after fighting cancer.

Ladun graduated with a degree in Mass Communication at the University of South Florida. She shares that some of the steps she took to becoming a journalist were taking creative writing courses and participating in internships. "Internships were key to my decision of going into broadcasting," she said. Ladun first began working at an "owned and operated" station in Florida until the station was bought out by CNN. She soon moved to another station where she met her husband, Doug Bell. They are both journalists, working in Birmingham.

Ladun believes that in order to succeed in the news business, one must have a passion for it and have



Couier reporter April L. Harris (L) greets TV reporter Brenda Ladun (R) during her book signing the Gospel Supply House in Tuscaloosa.

a strong commitment to their career. "You have to get used to long hours and low pay in the beginning," she said. "The end result, however, is very rewarding." She also reveals that a good reporter is one who listens and never assumes. "Never assume anything," she said while regarding to a news story, "before you have all of your facts." She also believes a good reporter is one who is involved in their community.

Ladun is the winner of several prestigious awards including six Associated Press awards and an Emmy nomination for best anchor. She has performed extensive coverage on breast cancer awareness and works closely with the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation to help raise funds for finding cures for breast cancer. Her book, *Getting Better, Not Bitter*, can be found in Christian bookstores in Birmingham and



Sports



—The Buccaneers are Here to Play—

Lady Bucs tripped up by Gordon

Season record now 4-3

By Robert Milz

Injuries have slowed up the Lady Buccaneer's fast start. The Bucs now have a record of 4-3. Their defense is still holding up, but the game against Gordon College of Georgia shook it up a bit.

The Lady Bucs began to slide a bit on Sept. 14 when they experienced a tough 1-0 loss to Hiwassee College of Tennessee.

On Sept. 17, the Bucs played East Mississippi, and once again they shut them out, with Shelton scoring seven goals. The Bucs beat them 8-0 on Sept. 10. Dottie Sloan and Michelle Khallilian both had two goals in the game. Both Sloan and Khallilian are leading the team in goals and aggression. Jana Green, Meagan Young, and Barbie Batey all scored goals in the game.

Then on Sept. 21, the Bucs were shut down by Gordon college; the score was 6-0. This is where the injuries come in.

Another of the Bucs most aggressive players, Stephanie Stams, outside midfielder, hurt her knee and had to have stitches. She is still out. Sabrina Wailes, hurt her foot and is out. Robyn Moore was also sick.

The Bucs had to substitute players into unfamiliar positions due to the injuries. The substitutions made for a shaky defense. The Buc defense struggled against the other team's speedy offense. Gordon had one girl that gave the Bucs more than a run for their money. The

more astute Buc fans were heard yelling, "Don't let her turn on you!"

Dottie Sloan, forward, said, "We could have played better as a team; we will do better next time. We will play with more heart." She seemed enthusiastic about the rest of the season.

Kim West said, "We were outplayed by a really good team."

Michelle Khallilian, center midfielder, said, "We could have played a lot better; it was a learning experience, and we'll do much better the next time we play them."

Everyone on the team seemed to be determined to beat Gordon at the next game. Coach Christian said, "Next time we play we'll be at full strength."

The Lady Bucs game against Pearl River on Sept. 22 was postponed due to the weather. The game has not yet been rescheduled.



Shelton Lady Bucs Heather Barns (L) and Michelle Khallilian (R) compete with Gordon defensive players during the Sept. 21 game at Shelton. The Lady Bucs lost the game 6-1, but are optimistic about future games.

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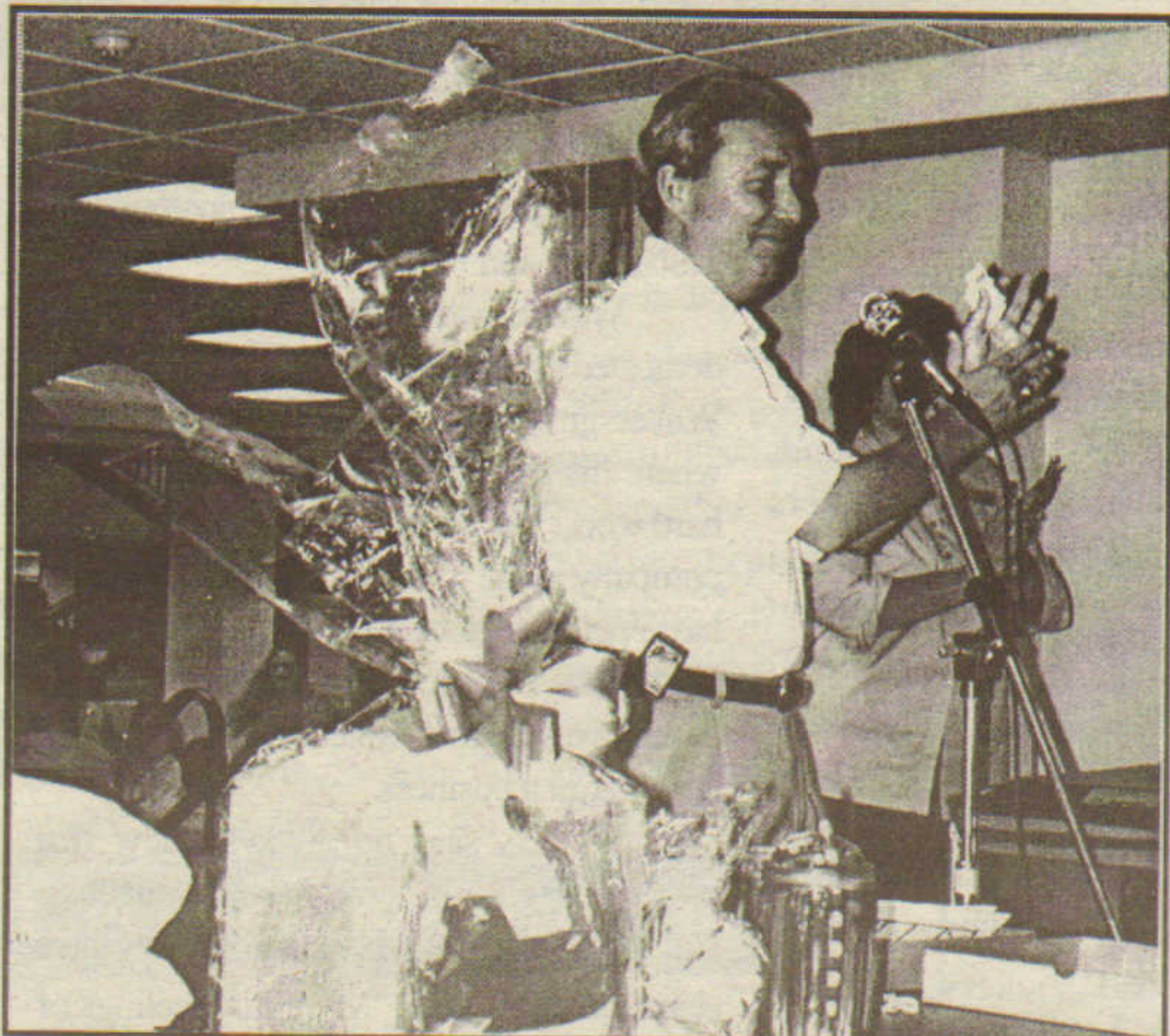
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Shelton President Rick Rogers enjoys his part in giving away door prizes at Shelton's annual Barbecue Bash on Sept. 19.

Barbecue Bash raises \$15,000

The Shelton State College Foundation raised \$15,000 from the Barbecue Bash on Sept. 19.

The fundraiser, which has been held annually for 11 years, was attended by 350 people and included bingo and a silent auction along with the barbecue.

A truck, artwork and a football autographed by Alabama Coach Dennis Franchione were some of the many items included in the auction. Several people and local businesses donated the items to be auctioned.

The \$15,000 raised at the Bash adds to the \$750,000 collected in the Foundation.

The Shelton State Foundation offers scholarships for students to attend Shelton State.

Shelton State Nursing Program Tentative Fall Schedule

Shelton State Association of Nursing Students has announced a tentative schedule for the IDS 299 fall semester of the Associate Degree Nursing Program. The dates of some events are not yet confirmed and will be announced at a later time. The schedule, which is subject to change, is as follows:

October

Multi-Cultural Luncheon, officers will be installed
Oct. 21 - Mentoring Activity in D Rooms
Oct. 11-12 - AANS Convention in Huntsville
Oct. 14-15 - Blood Drive in D-Rooms at Martin
Fundraisers - selling donuts, breast cancer awareness pins, car tags and nurses's bags
Membership Drive (on-going)
Heart Beat Newsletter committee
Monthly meeting - speaker will be announced
Scholarship essay contest

November

Community service - collection of can goods
Fundraiser - donations, continued
Membership drive
SSANS Newsletter completion
Monthly meeting - speaker will be announced
Great American Smoke Out
NSNA Mid-Year Conference;
Nov. 10-16 - SSCC Homecoming

December

Dec. 4 or 5 - Christmas Dinner in D-Rooms
Community service - Adopt-A-Family or Salvation Army Angel Tree
Dec. 2 or 3 - World AIDS Day; AIDS exhibit Atrium
Officers to submit semester report

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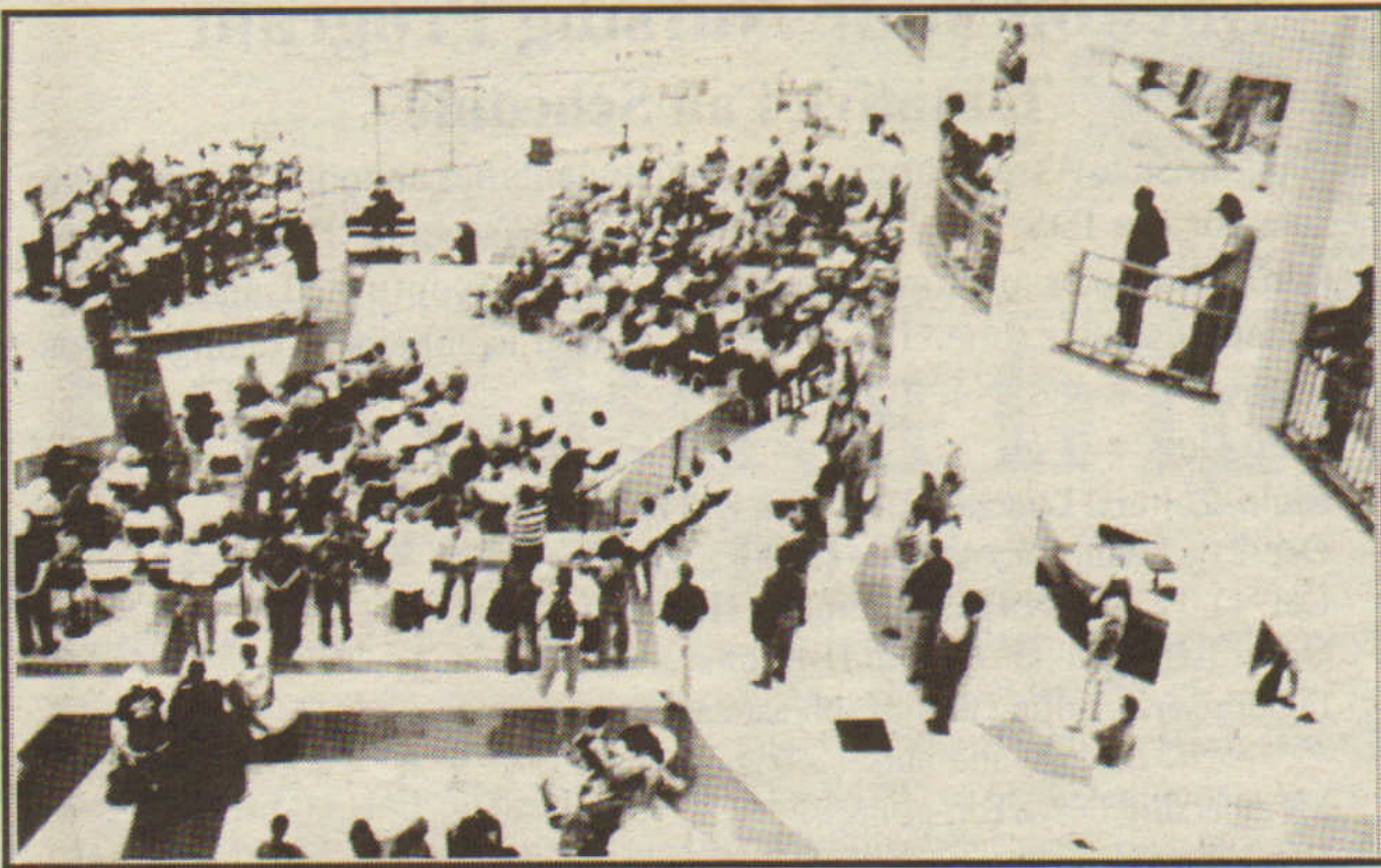
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Shelton remembers Sept. 11, 2001

Shelton State students gathered together in the atrium for a remembrance ceremony for the victims of Sept. 11, 2001. As part of the ceremony, the Junior ROTC of Hillcrest High School "presented the colors" and the Shelton State Singers performed under the director of Glinda Blackshear. College President Rick Rogers led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

On Sept. 17, the Alpha Epsilon Iota chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the national two-year-college honor society inducted 33 new members:

Tiffany Nicole Walker
Kenneth Wayne Belue
Jean Shantee Weston
Carolyn Sue Morris
Cassie Ann Kell
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Galavcating.com provides trip tips

By Bryant Baggett

Planning an outdoor adventure? Want to get lost in the great outdoors? Galavcating.com can help plan your next trip. Scotty Joe Walters, 22, of Ragland, created the site galavcating.com. Walters is attending the University of Alabama majoring in advertising and minoring in general business.

The name galavcating came from Walters grandfather who would say to him: "You are off galavcating too much and you need to do a little more farm work." Clay Cox, who attends Auburn University, and Chad Vickery, who attends the University of Alabama, do galavcating.com's designs and artwork.

When asked what the main goal of galavcating.com was Walters responded, "We want to help people to be active in the outdoors and for them to have clean honest fun." Walters said, "People like it. Many do not realize that there are other activities in Alabama besides hunting and fishing."

Walters hopes that first-time galavcangers gain a new perspective of Alabama's outdoors. The site shows the many locations within Alabama where you

can hike, camp, climb, kayak, spelunk, ski, scuba dive, and bike.

Walters was inspired to start a web site dedicated to the outdoors because his raising. Walters grew up on a 375-acre farm in Ragland where his parents taught him the values of hard work. His parents started an excavating company in the mid 1980s where they did a large percentage of Birmingham's foundations. The experience of working with his parents was an invaluable one that taught him how to run a business.

Walters said he always knew that galavcating.com would be a success. Galavcating.com has been up for nearly three years. Walters said, "My initial feelings of starting galavcating.com was that this will be a lot of fun, and it is!" The hardest thing about starting the site was patience. "I just knew that it would take a long time for galavcating.com to get going and be profitable so there wasn't much room for being nervous."

During President Bush's visit to Oak Mountain State Park Walters and some friends came up with a Top Ten List of things they would like to see President Bush do while in Alabama. The list was read by radio hosts Rick and Bubba with laughter.



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Bama Belle offers a graceful addition to Tuscaloosa life

By Brandon Smith

With the slow churn of the paddle wheel, and the white foam of the Black Warrior River breaking, the Bama Belle experience is like taking a step back into an era long gone.

While celebrating its one-year anniversary, the riverboat plans to be cruising up and down the river for years to come. The Bama Belle's first chartered excursion on the Black Warrior was July 27, 2001. There have been many leisure cruises up and down the river since.

Many types of social events have also been held on the riverboat. The Bama Belle has become a popular place for fraternity, sorority, anniversary, birthday, and costume parties. Two weddings have taken place on the riverboat as well. The top deck is often the site for live bands during special occasions. "This truly is the best dining experience on the river," Dennis Banks, Bar Manager said. "There is no place in town where you have such a combination of entertainment and beauty."

The idea of starting a riverboat was not only that of Mike and Nikki

Medeiros, owners and operators, but was that of their children. "My daughters both attended the University of Alabama" Nikki, events coordinator, said. "The girls thought it would be nice if we could offer the city another form of entertainment, not only for those who live here, but for those who visit the city as well."

Currently there are many packages to choose from on the riverboat. The sight-seeing cruise requires no reservation and allows everyone an enjoyable ride down the river. Sight-seeing cruises launch at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. every Saturday, weather permitting. The Bama Belle will cruise from its port behind Tuscaloosa Chevrolet. The cruise lasts approximately one hour and goes about one mile up the river and back. The sight-seeing cruise has snacks and refreshments readily available. Adults \$7.50, seniors (65 and older) \$6.50, children (2-12) \$4.50, and toddlers under 2 get in free. Boarding starts 20 minutes prior to the cruise.

The dinner cruise is an event that combines entertainment with a casual dining experience. Its unique atmosphere differs from eating at a restaurant on land. Boarding starts at 6 p.m. with the cruise lasting from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Adults

\$35, meal included, and a reservation is required. Wednesday nights are affectionately called "cocktails on the river," because of its warm, leisurely atmosphere. As the sun sets on the Black Warrior, one can sit back and relax with friends and family. "Wednesday nights are becoming very popular between the entertainment, drink specials, and scenery," Banks said. "This is becoming a preferred place."

Private parties have become a mainstay on the Bama Belle since its beginning. Charters last from one to five hours and can accommodate up to 200 people. Catering and a live band can be included if desired.

The Medeiros are currently planning to expand the operations of the Bama Belle. "We have already held special events on Valentine's Day, Halloween, and the Alabama vs. Auburn football game," Medeiros said. Last year the Bama Belle participated in the annual "Christmas on the River" parade. "We're going to try to have a New Year's Eve party this year and we think it will be a success," Medeiros said.

The Bama Belle is closed during January, but can be reached any time at 205-339-1108 or at www.bamabelle.com.

Courier plans Maxwell Crossing issue for December

The *Shelton State Courier*, the campus newspaper, is looking for editors for and contributors to its annual creative publication, *Maxwell's Crossing*, slated for publishing on Dec. 5.

Short stories, poetry, photography, sketches, paintings, illustrations, creative essays and other literary and visual art work will be published.

The students, faculty and staff are encouraged to submit material to the *Courier* office in Room 2319 on the Martin campus.

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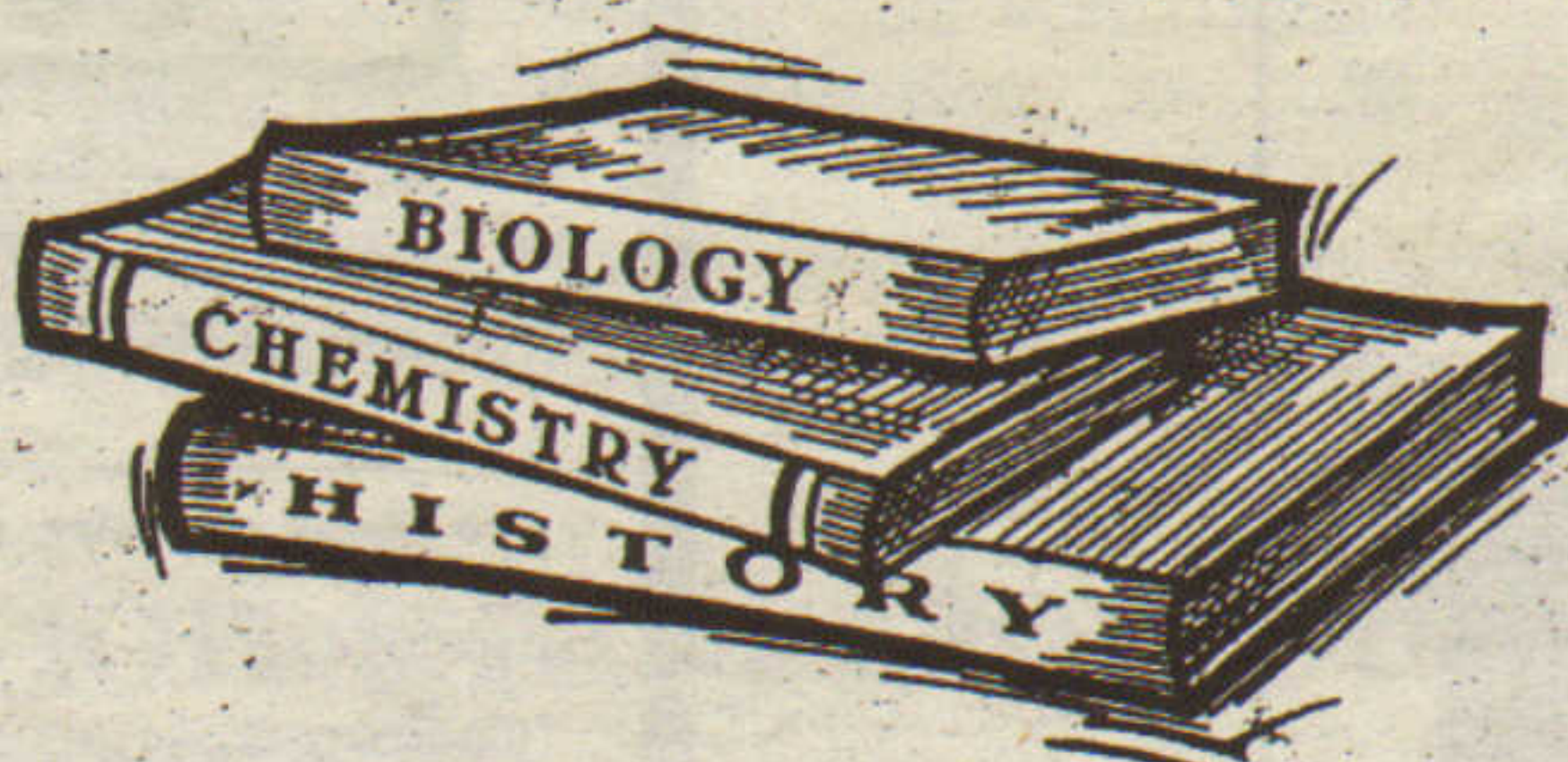
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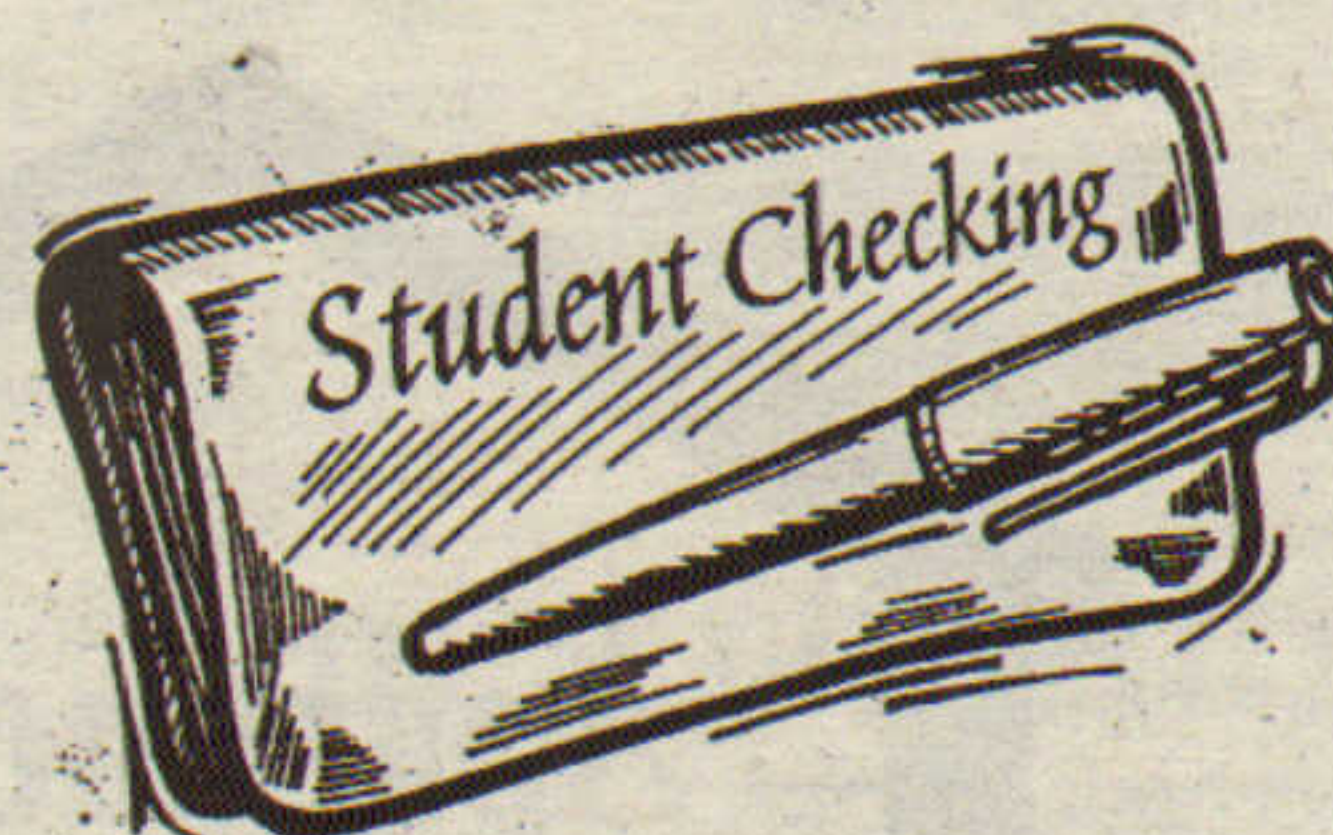
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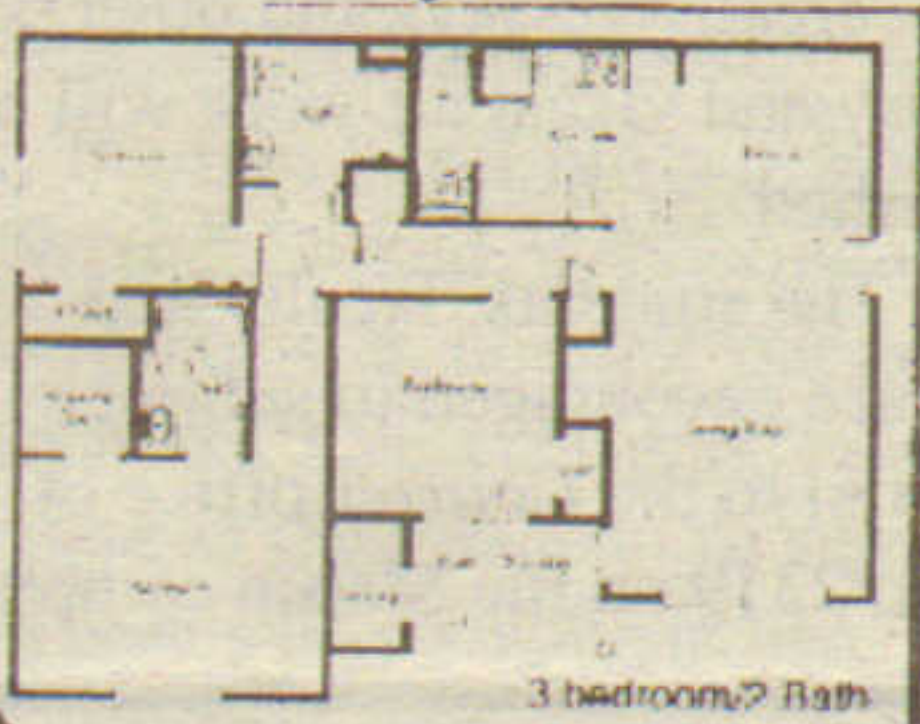
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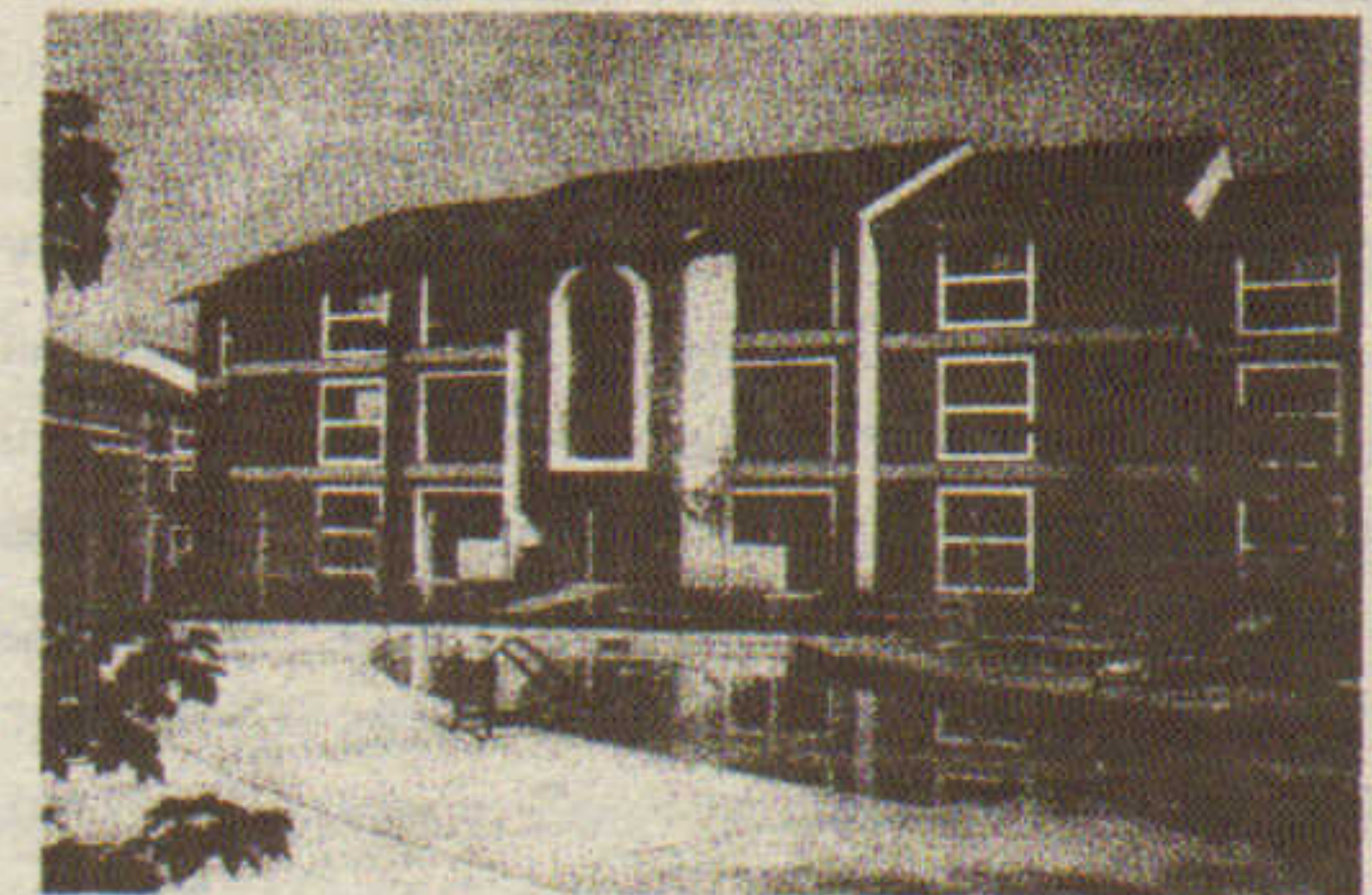
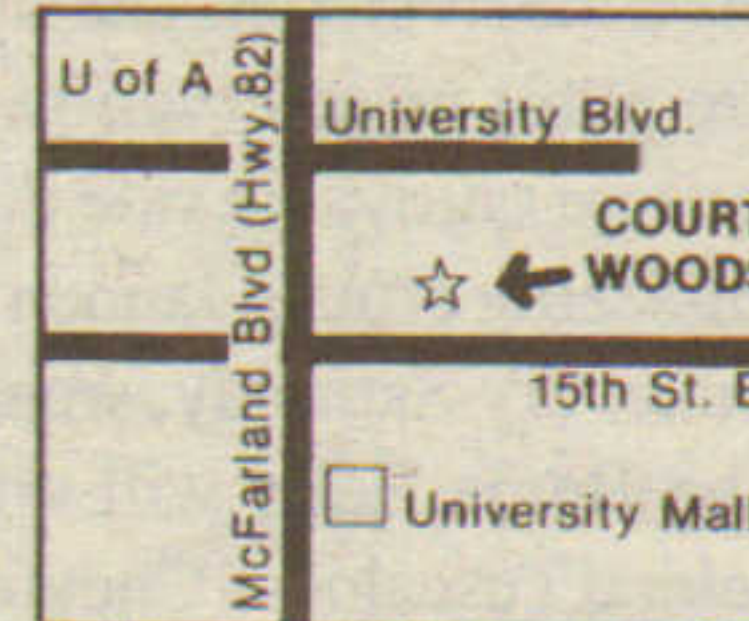
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